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TO TAX FRANCHISES.

The Legislature to Be Asked to Submit a Constitutional Amendment to This Effect.

Will Be Far-Reaching in Its Action and of the Greatest Importance.

A State Commission to Investigate Taxes and Recommend Changes Also to Be Appointed.

A resolution providing for the submission of a constitutional amendment to allow the adoption of an act to levy all state taxes on public franchises will be introduced before the General Assembly which meets at Springfield next Wednesday, and will be supported by the Civic Federation. With the resolution will go a bill to establish a state commission to investigate taxation and recommend changes.

The commission which framed the resolution and the bills is composed of John J. Hanberg, E. Allen Frost, James J. Gray, James F. Bowers, Howard O. Sprague, Clayton Mark and W. H. Brown.

The amendment which it is proposed to submit provides that "taxes shall be uniform upon the same class of subjects within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax, and shall be levied and collected for public expenses only." It also makes provision that "a General Assembly shall not impose taxes upon municipal corporations, or the inhabitants or property thereof, for corporation purposes, but shall require that all the taxable property within the limits of municipal corporations shall be taxed for the payment of debts contracted under the authority of law; such taxes shall be uniform upon the same class of subjects within the territorial limits of the authority imposing the same. Private property shall not be liable to be taken or sold for payment of the corporate debts of a municipal corporation."

Civil Service reform has not done the Fire Department any good. Outside of purely clerical positions the Civil Service law is a positive detriment to the public service. It gives educated ne'er-do-wells a big chance over uneducated heroes and willing workers.

There are more little one-horse banks springing up all over the city than ever before. The graft pulled out by several of the boys now in Joliet or on their way there seems to have acted as a stimulant.

The "reform" aldermen of Chicago are a sweet-scented gang. The Bartsen investigation just showed a few things about these reformers. Perhaps there will be a more thorough showing up of these hypocrites before long.

Mayor Dunne, who is a good hearted and kindly natured man, views with the greatest ease the spectacle of a number of his trusted appointees shouting for some one else for mayor.

The Democratic County Central Committee met Wednesday night and set the date for the Democratic spring primaries for March 1. The date is the latest possible under the primary election law. Committeeman John Fanning of Glencoe opposed the proposition to give Evanston, with 300 Democratic votes, two members of the County Committee while the remaining county towns, with 8,000 votes, had only six committeemen.

North and West Side people are wondering whether that North Halsted street bridge will ever be put into service again. It is an outrage to subject the people to the annoyance that its present condition causes them.

Granville W. Brownling would make a splendid mayor himself, but he is for Carter H. Harrison.

What has become of all the electric railroads that were to be built between Chicago and New York? Has the supply of suckers given out?

We notice that Alderman Linn H. Young is again in the limelight. This

time it is in connection with a Mexican plantation. By the way, is this the same Linn H. Young whose name was mixed up with the "Continental Insurance Company of Chicago," some time ago?

Why the police permit some of the advertising promoters now doing business in Chicago to skin the public, is past understanding.

Captain Anson has made a good City Clerk and will be re-nominated by the Democrats.

Who the Independence League will name for mayor has not yet been decided upon. James J. Gray can have the nomination if he wants it.

Theodore Oehne would make a great City Treasurer. If the Democrats should nominate him, he could not be beaten.

The hoodlums, loafers and young toughs should be either locked up or driven out of Chicago.

Fred. A. Busse is the most popular man in Chicago to-day. He is honest, manly and straightforward and possesses executive ability of the highest order.

The serious injury to Mrs. John S. Cooke, widow of the well-known brewer, at the fire at her daughter's residence on New Year's day, was regretted by everybody who knows that estimable and highly respected lady. Two firemen were seriously injured in the same accident, which was caused by the falling of a ladder while Mrs. Cooke was being conveyed from the third story of the burning house. The placing of insecure ladders in position for such work shows gross carelessness somewhere and the public generally believe that Marshal Horan should sift the matter to the bottom.

The Democrats could name no stronger man for Judge of the Superior Court Bench to succeed the late Judge Gary than John E. Owens, the brilliant Master-in-Chancery and Democratic leader.

The streets of Chicago are unsafe for women to be alone on. What a shame for a city that boasts to the world of its progressiveness and its civilization.

John T. Connelly, the popular coal merchant and public-spirited citizen, who was injured recently in an elevator accident, is rapidly recovering his health. Everybody is glad of this, as John Connelly is one of the men whom Chicago cannot get along without.

John E. Traeger is being boomed by many friends for City Treasurer.

Charles F. Gunther was indorsed for Mayor Tuesday afternoon at the New Year's celebration of the County Democracy at 143 Randolph street. Mr. Gunther, in a speech before the organization, accepted the indorsement and asserted that if he was called on to accept the office he would endeavor to fill it to the best of his ability.

Chairman Bennett of the City Council's finance committee is in favor of building a new city hall. The city is paying \$281,204 a year for the maintenance of the present building and to provide suitable quarters for those branches of the government which because of lack of space can not be housed in the structure at Washington and LaSalle streets.

Alderman Bennett says that this

\$280,000 is ample to pay the interest on the cost of a new city hall and provide a sinking fund to meet the greater part of \$4,000,000 in twenty years.

"I expect the City Council will appropriate \$1,000,000 for a new city hall when the annual budget is made up next month," said Chairman Bennett. "I think the present building should be torn down at once and work begun on a new and modern structure suitable to the needs of the city within a year. It is a waste of money to continue occupying the old, insanitary building."

The new Municipal Court is a failure from the start. It is too costly for the poor and too complicated for business men. In the police courts the judges seem to imagine that it is their duty to bound the poor and penniless charged with misdemeanors into prison. It hands out the severest kind of law.

The record that Andrew J. Graham has made as a banker, a public official and a citizen has earned for him the reputation of being a man of ability, honest and straightforward in all his dealings.

Adolf Kraus would make a splendid mayor of Chicago. Upright and able, a master of the law, broad minded and liberal, he would make an ideal chief executive. But he does not want the place.

The people who have to use the Halsted street cars for transportation would like to get a chance to settle the traction question.

The annual report of County Recorder Abel Davis shows a marked increase over last year in every department. The total receipts of the office were estimated at \$225,000.

The total number of instruments filed was 171,739, against 162,020 last year. The number of abstracts furnished was 2,473 and the amount paid was \$18,505.40. The total amount paid for recording instruments was \$180,018.20, against \$160,544.05 paid last year. Recorder Davis reiterates that his request for additional help was due to the increased work necessitated by the Municipal Court.

Oscar F. Mayer is getting quite a boom for City Treasurer.

The City Council has finally passed the bill board ordinance. And now let's see if it will be enforced.

A gold star in each of the five points of which is set a diamond and which bears the seal of the Municipal Courts of Chicago, was presented to Homer K.

Galpin, chief clerk of the courts, by eighty-five of his deputies last Monday.

In Roger C. Sullivan the Democratic party of Illinois has a leader that it can be proud of. He is an able man, honest and fearless, and is ever faithful to the party he represents so well.

The Alderman bee is buzzing in the ears of quite a few this year.

A stringent State law is needed to regulate the establishment of banks.

There are too many wild-cat financial schemes now in existence in Chicago.

Not wishing to compete with the big banks, irresponsible people are starting up small banks in the outlying districts of Chicago, from time to time. This practice has had disastrous results upon the business and financial interests of the entire city. Many hundred small business men and traders have been ruined by this class of institutions. The Pan American is a shining example.

This nefarious practice should be stopped and the only way to stop it is by municipal legislation.

A provision ought to be made in the city charter authorizing the city under its police power to regulate the establishment of banks and creating in pursuance of this work a board for the examination of all proposed new banking concerns. Such a board should be given ample power to examine into the financial standing of the promoters of these institutions, and none should be allowed to be licensed unless such as could show assets ample for the carrying on of their business, sufficient to cover the amount of their deposits, and sound and substantial enough to thoroughly protect their depositors.

There can be no question as to the right and the justice of the city to exercise such power under a properly constructed charter provision. If the city has the right to regulate plumbers, to regulate engineers, to regulate the electrical business, to regulate pawnbrokers and the scores of other business enterprises and industries over which it exercises unquestioned supervising powers, it certainly has a perfect right to regulate the banking business, which is of far more importance than anything in the line of business in the city, because upon the legitimate and honest business methods of these institutions depends the welfare of the entire city in its business and commercial life, while methods of a contrary kind indulged in by small, irresponsible speculative concerns only results in failures that involve injuriously the interests of the entire community. How often have we seen it that the failure of one of these little banks, started upon insecure and irresponsible foundations, and boomed by fraudulent and



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BEEF TRUST THRIVES

And the Health of the People of Chicago and of Illinois Is in Danger.

New Government Meat Law Only Applies to Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

A Rigid Investigation by the Illinois Legislature Will Stop the Beef Trust.

The health of the people of Illinois and of Chicago is in danger.

Bad meat sold by the Beef Trust is the principal cause for the most fatal diseases and the sale of bad meat is growing.

The new government meat law applies only to interstate and foreign commerce and does not protect the people of this city and of this state.

The Chicago Health Department inspectors are condemning and destroying thousands of pounds of bad meat every week, and while they are doing a great deal of good there is no doubt that thousands and thousands of pounds of diseased meat is getting out of the yards and is sold to and eaten by the people of Chicago and Illinois.

The mere fact that the Health Department inspectors are destroying so much unfit meat every week only goes to show what danger the people are in, and it can be easily seen how much bad meat gets out and is sold to the people.

A thorough investigation of the Beef Trust will show up in their true colors what an awful trust it is, and will insure the people of this city and of this state from the eating of diseased meat.

The Illinois Legislature will convene next Wednesday, and they can stop the Beef Trust in a hurry by ordering a rigid investigation of its plans.

The people of Chicago and of Illinois must be protected from the eating of bad meat.

One of the Chicago dailies interviewed members of the Beef Trust as to what Chicago needed most in the New Year. And every one of them with brazen effrontery said that Chicago's greatest need was a settlement of the traction question.

The meat inspectors at the Union Stockyards condemned and destroyed 187,503 pounds of bad meat during the week ending December 29, 1906, according to the bulletin of the Chicago Health Department.

The Illinois Legislature will meet next Wednesday and the people of Chicago and Illinois look to it for a thorough investigation of the Beef Trust. The government meat law does not protect the people of this city and State and they are at the mercy of a trust that distributes bad meat and causes the spread of the most dread diseases.

Sterling, Ill., Dec. 29.—(Special).—Eating canned meat almost caused the death of Mrs. Benjamin Eick to-day. She is in a critical state.

The most dread diseases that afflict the human race are principally caused by the eating of bad meat. And the Beef Trust thrives.

Legislators, do your duty, and investigate the Beef Trust!

The government meat law does not protect the people of Chicago and Illinois and they are at the mercy of the Beef Trust. Will the Illinois Legislature do its duty?

The Milk Fed Press will get it in the neck when the Legislature investigates the Beef Trust. Some very unwholesome truths will come out in that inquiry.

The Beef Trust is doing more to bring on a revolution in this country than all other forces combined. The Trust Press, which does its bidding, is helping matters along.

According to the Health Department bulletin of the work of city inspectors for the week ending November 10, 1906, at the Union Stockyards, a total of

275,003 pounds of meats were condemned and destroyed. Total condemnations for the week—332,004 pounds.

The attorney for the biggest Chicago bad meat factory has written the Kentucky authorities that the concern will keep its poisoned sausages out of that state. How about the other states?

The people demand an investigation of the Beef Trust by the Illinois Legislature.

"The inspectors at the Union Stockyards condemned and destroyed 284,513 pounds of food stuffs." Taken from the Bulletin of the Chicago Health Department, week ending December 15, 1906.

How long is the Beef Trust to be allowed to place on the market bad meat?

It will be fun to see the big packers on the Legislative gridiron.

There is no abler, more brilliant or better liked man in the United States Senate than Albert J. Hopkins, of Illinois.

Investigate the Beef Trust and stop the sale of diseased meat!

The Democratic party has few abler men in it than John P. McGorty, the popular lawyer and legislator.

The Legislators must do their duty and stop the Beef Trust.

Alderman Matthias J. Jacobs is making a splendid record in the City Council, and the people of the Twenty-third Ward are proud of him.

An investigation of the Beef Trust by the Illinois legislature is what the people demand.

A thorough cleaning out of the dead ones in the Democratic party is necessary to gain a victory next April.

Stop the Beef Trust and prevent the spread of cancer and tuberculosis!

Albert C. Clark is strongly mentioned for the Republican nomination for City Treasurer.

The people are waiting to hear what the Health Committee does with Alderman Dalley's ordinance prohibiting the sale of lumpy jaw cattle.

The record that John M. Smyth has made in business and in politics has made him liked and esteemed by the people of Chicago.

Tuberculosis and cancer are spreading. And the Beef Trust thrives.

Congressman Martin B. Madden is doing great work for Chicago at Washington.

Investigate the Beef Trust is the demand of the people, and the Illinois Legislature must heed it.

Municipal Court Judge Max Eberhardt is making the splendid record that everybody expected he would make.

John J. Hanberg is one of the ablest and most popular leaders in the Republican party in Illinois.

The sale of lumpy jaw cattle must be stopped.